India's share in world handicrafts market

1020. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the world market for handicrafts was estimated at 2.350 Million U.S. Dollar of which India's share is only two per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to set up institutions in every State to train people in various handicrafts disciplines; and

(c) whether Government are also considering to promote the brand image of Indian handicrafts in global markets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) As per the study conducted through M/s Frost & Sullivan, Chennai, the world market for handicrafts and gifts was estimated at US $235 billion in 2003. India's share of export in world market is estimated as about 2%.

(b) No, Sir. However, under Design and Technology Upgradation Scheme, financial assistane is being provided to the Implementing Agencies duly recommended by the States/UTs Government for setting up of State Initiative Design Centres (SIDC), under which training is also imparted to the craftpersons besides meeting the Design and Technological related needs of the area.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government is considering to promote the brand image of Indian Handicrafts in Global market especially in USA and EU countries, which are prominent importers of Handicrafts from India.

Increasing the capacity of textile manufacturing sector

1021. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an urgent need to increase capacity of textile manufacturing sector, which is not in a position to meet the industry's machinery requirement, causing huge backlog in supplies;

(c) the action taken to increase the capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) As per Confederation of Indian Textiles Industry's (CITI) vision statement for 2010, the textile industry is planning to invest Rs. 1,40,000 crores in textile machinery and other capital expense in next 5-6 years in order to take a leap in annual exports of textiles & garments from US $ 12 billion to US $ 40 billion. Therefore, there is a need to increase capacity of textile machinery manufacturing sector. At present, the total installed capacity of Textile Machinery Industry in India has a potential to manufacture textile machinery worth Rs. 3050 crore, whereas the level of production during 2004-05 and 2005-06 was around Rs. 1684 crore and Rs. 2212 crore respectively. The imports of textile machinery during the corresponding period were worth Rs. 3393 crore and Rs. 7100 crore respectively. These figures show that whereas the demand has almost doubled the share of indigenous production has come down from 33% to 24%. However, the indigenous production has also shown a growth of around 31%, but the capacity is under utilized on account of technology gap & capacity in certain areas.

(c) The Textile Engineering Industry has projected an investment of around Rs. 5000 crore in Plant & Machinery during Eleventh Plan Period and consequent increase in production to the level of Rs. 10,000 crore by 2012. To achieve this, the Ministry of Textiles is encouraging modernization of the textile industry by enhancing the allocations under Technology Upgradation Fund (TUF) Scheme. The Finance Minister, in his budget speech, has annonced that the TUFS is being extended for another 5 years from 1.4.2007.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts 2005-06 of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute for Defence Studies